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23643 Customer No.

Confirmation No.: 9788

Application No.:

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Invention:

Methods and Apparatus for Mass

Spectral Analysis of Peptides and

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Inventor:

James P. Reilly

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CORRECTION OF ENTITY STATUS AND REQUEST FOR REFUND

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

The subject utility application was filed on May 9, 2006, with payment of the filing fee for a large entity of \$1,300.00. Applicant is entitled to Small Entity status and through a clerical error at the time of filing the application, Small Entity status was inadvertently omitted when paying the filing fee. Applicants respectfully request a refund of the excess fees paid at the time of filing (\$650.00), to be credited to Barnes & Thornburg LLP Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter 29920-200170.

Respectfully submitted,

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